

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT application of	)
Toshiaki SHIMADA	) Confirmation No. 2402
Application No. 10/567,690	) Group Art Unit: 2837
Filed: February 9, 2006	) Examiner: David S. Luo
For: ELECTRIC CYLINDER	)
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**AMENDMENT**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is responsive to the Office Action dated November 18, 2008 in the above application. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims**

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading "LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS". The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application including any current amendments. This list of claims is intended to supersede all prior listing(s) of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.